

B. Amendment to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new Claims 33-45 as follows. A listing of all claims in the application is provided.

1-32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) An aqueous odor controlling bacterial composition comprising:

a bacterium capable of forming a spore, which can become active when exposed to an odor-causing organic material and which, upon activation, is capable of digesting said odor-causing organic material; and

an adhering agent,

which said aqueous composition can be applied to a surface of a product, resulting in said bacterium being adhered to said surface by said adhering agent such that said bacterium can be exposed to said odor-causing organic material and become active.

34. (New) The composition according to Claim 33, wherein said adhering agent is at least one selected from the group consisting of a fluorochemical, a stain blocker, an acrylic polymer, a styrene butadiene rubber, a nitrile rubber and a polyvinyl chloride.

35. (New) The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said adhering agent is said fluorochemical.

36. (New) The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said adhering agent is said stain blocker.

37. (New) The composition according to Claim 36, wherein said stain blocker is selected from the group consisting of sulfonated phenol formaldehyde condensate polymer, sulfonated naphthol formaldehyde condensate polymer, and hydrolyzed vinyl aromatic maleic anhydride polymer.

38. (New) The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said adhering agent is said acrylic polymer.

39. (New) The composition according to Claim 33, wherein said adhering agent constitutes between 0.01 wt % and 20 wt % of said composition based upon a total weight of said composition.

40. (New) The composition according to Claim 39, wherein said adhering agent constitutes between 0.1 wt % and 15 wt % of said composition.

41. (New) The composition according to Claim 40, wherein said adhering agent constitutes between 5 wt % and 10 wt % of said composition.

42. (New) The composition according to Claim 33, further comprising at least one odor neutralizing or odor trapping agent.

43. (New) The composition according to Claim 42, wherein said odor neutralizing or odor trapping agent is sodium bicarbonate or molecular sieves.

44. (New) The composition according to Claim 33, wherein said bacterium is of the genus *Bacillus*.

45. (New) The composition according to Claim 44, wherein said bacterium of the genus *Bacillus* is one or more strains selected from the group of bacterial species consisting of *Bacillus megaterium*, *Bacillus pasteurii*, *Bacillus laevolacticus* and *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*.